

GREAT SALT LAKE BASE AND MERIDIAN
TEMPLE SQUARE
SALT LAKE CITY
SALT LAKE COUNTY
UTAH

HAER No. UT-36

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PHOTOGRAPH

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
P.O. BOX 37127
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-7127

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
Utah	Salt Lake	Salt Lake City

HISTORIC NAME	HAER NO.
Great Salt Lake Base and Meridian	UT-36

SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL AREAS)

southeast corner of Temple Square

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BUILDER, OR FABRICATOR

no earlier than 1855 and most likely 1855, when the United States Surveyor General for Utah designated this point as the initial point for all surveys in UTAH.

SIGNIFICANCE (TECHNOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE)

This marker designates the point Brigham Young picked in 1847 as being the point at which the development of Salt Lake City would start.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

stone

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT)

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

In 1847 Brigham Young directed Orson Pratt, an astronomer and mathematician to lay out the city Of Salt Lake. Pratt designated this point as the base and meridian.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS, ETC.)

Based on handwritten notes accompanying the photograph. I was unable to confirm or get further information from the UTAH SHPO.

COMPILER, AFFILIATION

Billy Lebovich, HAER

DATE

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